



**City of
Norfolk**

Inter Department Correspondence Sheet

TO: Members of City Council

FROM: Breck Daughtrey, City Clerk

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SUBJECT: Minutes of City Council Meeting

April 3, 2015

Attached are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

Breck

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

Acting President Williams called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Johnson, Mr. Smigiel, Dr. Whibley, Ms. Williams and Mr. Winn. Mayor Fraim and Mr. Riddick were absent.

She thereupon called the first item of business

The City Manager offered an overview of the work session agenda.

COUNCIL INTERESTS

1. Councilman Winn: a) asked for an update on the Cottage Line sand situation; b) asked for an update regarding the audit on city-owned property listing what's being leased, what's being rented and what is city owned, noting that the city is looking at opportunities to consolidate and get out of leased spaces; and c) asked if the city is pursuing ultra-high speed wireless internet service, stating that it needs to be made available.
2. Councilwoman Whibley commented on the decision to have DEQ come and talk to them at their April meeting so citizens can get some answers on what the coal dust situation is in our area. She noted that she is fully aware that the city is not able to legislate or mandate any decision regarding coal dust, but wanted to take a look at what the coal pier would look like if they weren't grandfathered in and whether or not an independent study needs to be done.
3. Councilwoman Johnson: a) asked if they are still going to have a joint meeting with the School Board; b) stated that she missed one pedestrian crossing at a major intersection and asked that they look into one at Lafayette Boulevard and Tidewater Drive; and c) stated that she will email staff about a couple of potholes in the Oakwood area.
4. Councilman Smigiel: a) asked for an update on where they are with road resurfacing and line repainting; b) the street surface of Kempsville Road between Northampton Boulevard and Lake Taylor Hospital is in complete disrepair and needs to be resurfaced; c) asked for an update on the PPEA, noting that there are concerns about cutting back the Ocean View School because they are over budget on the other three schools; and d) asked for a presentation on what "best value" and "value engineering" means and how that relates to schools, noting that there is a list that has specific items on it that are recommended cuts to schools as they move forward to reduce costs.

5. Vice Mayor Williams: a) expressed concern about cars that were broken into at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, stating that the police were called and it took 20 to 40 minutes before someone came out. She stated that after a few follow-up calls they were eventually told there was a serious incident going on at another location and that an officer will arrive soon. She asked if the police can communicate to citizens when they call about a non-serious incident that officers are responding to a serious incident and will be there as soon as they can; b) asked if they can send a letter to the school board endorsing the modification to the name of Richard Bowling Elementary School to Richard Bowling Elementary at Broad Creek; c) asked for a proclamation for Judge Gwendolyn J. Jackson, who recently retired; and d) asked for a more efficient system for exiting parking garages after major events or cruises.

MEAC TOURNAMENT REPORT

John Rhamstine, Director of Civic Facilities, reported as follows:

- This year's tournament was a success that was helped greatly through partnerships with hotels, restaurants, MacArthur Mall, local schools and the military.
- Activities included concerts and a college fair.
- The tournament's financial success has increased year after year.
- Next year begins a new three-year contract with MEAC.

Stephen Kirkland, Director of Nauticus, reported on the 2015 Carnival Cruise schedule that will bring another successful year.

VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL 2015 REPORT

Rob Cross, Executive Director of the Virginia Arts Festival and Christian Foust, reported as follows:

- 66 educational events have been held; over 90 will have been by the end of the season and included the Dance Theatre of Harlem and the Rhythm Project.
- Opening night includes a block party on Granby Street.

PRECINCT RELOCATION

Stephanie Iles, reported to council on a recommendation to change the Young Park precinct from the elementary school to the community center which is accessible to the disabled.

POST 2018 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Richard Broad, Assistant Director of Public Works, reported as follows:

- A brief history of SPSA was presented and its membership reviewed. An overview was also presented of the waste cycle and operation of the Suffolk Landfill.
- In planning for 2018, the Chief Administration offices have concluded a regional approach is the best alternative.
- SPSA will be debt free in 2018.
- Issues identified by CAO technical committee includes a new agreement, long term debt and equal tipping fees.
- Norfolk's positions include equal tipping fees, private haulers pay the same as SPSA members and SPSA governance structure of one vote per member.
- Next steps include presenting a draft Use and Support Agreement, evaluation of 3 proposals from vendors, solicit community input on the draft agreement and finalize by May 2015 and by October 2015 decide whether to award a contract or use the regional landfill for post-2018 disposal.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION AND PARKING INITIATIVES UPDATE

David Freeman, Director of General Services, reported on this as follows:

- The City plans to install 3 electric vehicle charging stations that can charge a car in 30 minutes and will be located in the Scope and MacArthur garages and at the Pretlow Library.
- Next month, Norfolk Mobile Pay will be implemented that will enable persons to pay for parking electronically and will allow merchants to subsidize parking through a validation system.
- Parking meters will be replaced with smart meters that will take coins, credit and debit cards and prepaid cards.
- A Wayfinding app is under development that will allow parkers to find garages and garages with open spaces.

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

Prayer offered by Councilwoman Mamie B. Johnson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present: Ms. Johnson, Mr. Smigiel, Dr. Whibley, Ms. Williams and Mr. Winn.

Acting President Williams moved to excuse Mayor Fraim and Mr. Riddick from today's meeting.

Motion adopted.

Yes: Johnson, Protogyrou, Smigiel, Whibley, Williams and Winn.

No: None.

Acting President Williams moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion adopted.

Yes: Johnson, Protogyrou, Smigiel, Whibley, Williams and Winn.

No: None.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Acting President Williams proclaimed the month of April as International Month. Trish Carrier accepted the Proclamation on behalf of NATOFest, Virginia Arts Festival, Norfolk Sister City Association and the Norfolk Public Library.

Acting President Williams announced that at the March 10 meeting council continued the public hearing on Talbot Hall until tonight's meeting. Given the apparent agreement on the zoning and preservation of Talbot hall, the public hearing on rezoning Talbot hall has been taken off the agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

R-1 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance permitting John W. Phipps, Jr. and Billie G. Phipps to encroach into Beach Avenue, a paper street, at **305 East 40th Street**, with a five-foot (5') wide wooden pier," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective March 24, 2015.

Yes: Johnson, Protogyrou, Smigiel, Whibley, Williams and Winn.

No: None.

R-2 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance approving an Encroachment Agreement with Little Dog Diner, LLC, dba the "New" Donut Dinette, for property at **1917 Colley Avenue**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective March 24, 2015.

Yes: Johnson, Protogyrou, Smigiel, Whibley, Williams and Winn.

No: None.

R-3

Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance approving the acquisition of a **temporary construction easement from Norfolk Southern Railway Co.** relative to the construction of the Elizabeth River Trail; authorizing the expenditure of the sum of \$5000.00 from funds hereto appropriated to acquire the said easement; and authorizing the City Manager to accept a Deed of Easement on behalf of the City," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

Ellis James, 2012 Kenlake Place, spoke in support of this matter.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective March 24, 2015.

Yes: Johnson, Protogyrou, Smigiel, Whibley, Williams and Winn.

No: None.

R-4

Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance accepting the donation of two Signet Systems DC Fast Chargers valued at \$43,000 for public use from the **Virginia Clean Cities Coalition**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

Ellis James, 2021 Kenlake Place, spoke in support of this matter.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective March 24, 2015.

Yes: Johnson, Protogyrou, Smigiel, Whibley, Williams and Winn.

No: None.

R-5

Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to amend Section 14.1-112, Lafayette-Winona Precinct, **SO AS TO** change the name of its voting place," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective March 24, 2015.

Yes: Johnson, Protogyrou, Smigiel, Whibley, Williams and Winn.

No: None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. George Banks, 1736 E commented on the money set aside in the budget for community housing. James Rogers stated that everything Mr. Banks spoke about had been taken care of.
2. James Palmer, 6003 Old Phillips Road, spoke on his properties at 6001 and 6003 Old Phillips Road and trying to stay in compliance with the City Code but needs help.
3. Joe Cook, 1147 Surrey Crescent, asked that the traffic light be repaired at Jamestown Crescent promptly, asked for a left-hand turn signal for same light. He also stated that new business speakers should be televised and 3 minute time clock be visible for the public to see.
4. Chuck Brewer, 222 Beck Street, spoke about the Norfolk Public School System and the failures of the Norfolk School Board.
5. Donald Hornstein, 608 Colonial Avenue, #5, spoke about the building at 161 Granby Street.
6. Danny Lee Ginn, 3845 Dare Circle, stated that the council should take a no confidence vote against Mr. Riddick.